



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received some precipitation last week but levels are still below average for this time of year. The State continued to experience above average temperatures. Overall, mountain snowpack is 112 percent of average. The snowpack in the southern region of the State is rated at only 79 percent of average while the northern region is 134 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.4 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	42	39	16	3
Last Week	36	36	26	2
Last Year	1	17	79	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	38	40	19	3
Last Week	32	41	25	2
Last Year	1	13	84	2

Small Grains: Seven percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week with 12 percent jointed. The crop is rated in mostly poor to fair condition. Spring barley was 28 percent seeded with 11 percent emerged by the end of the week, compared to the 5-year averages of 26 percent seeded and 7 percent emerged. Spring wheat was 15 percent seeded with 2 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Growers started planting corn last week with 1 percent planted at the end of last week. Sugarbeet growers have also started, reaching 2 percent planted, compared to the 5-year average of 14 percent. Onion plantings increased to 45 percent, 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average of 41 percent. Summer potatoes were 7 percent planted by the end of last week.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 10, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	22	35	31	11	1
Last Year	0	4	24	57	15

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair condition across the State.

Livestock: Cows that have calved since January 1st increased to 73 percent while 64 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 10, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	11	25	35	27	2
Prev. Year – 2010	1	11	34	50	4
5-Year Avg.	8	20	40	30	2

Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	73	71
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	64	67

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 10, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	7	3	5	4
Jointed	12	N/A	11	14
Spring Barley				
Seeded	28	22	17	26
Emerged	11	8	7	7
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	15	12	13	18
Emerged	2	1	7	6
Corn				
Planted	1	N/A	1	1
Sugarbeets				
Planted	2	N/A	7	14
Dry Onions				
Planted	45	31	32	41
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	7	2	2	8

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	1	3	36	55	5

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.